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## PROBABLE IMPACT OF A UN VOTE TO UNSEAT THE GKR

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- The Cambodian Government (GKR) runs a substantial risk of being unseated at this fall's UN General Assembly and would certainly lose if the question came to a vote now. A major effort is being made to reverse the situation before the vote does take place in the fall, but it is impossible to predict the outcome.
- The key factor in gauging the short-term impact of a negative vote would be its effect on US backing of the GKR.
  - The GKR cannot survive without US material assistance and the constant direction and prodding provided by the US Mission.
  - Following a negative UN vote, a rapid deterioration of GKR morale and effectiveness would occur unless strong assurances of continued US support were made.
  - If US support were drastically curtailed or suspended by Congress following a negative vote in the UN, the GKR would collapse in a few weeks or months at most.
  - If US aid were maintained, the GKR would probably survive through at least another dry season, and perhaps for a considerable period beyond.
- Even assuming the continuation of US support, a defeat at the UN would over the longer run cast new doubts on the survivability of the GKR.
  - The Khmer Communists (KC) will to persist would be stiffened.
  - The KC would be encouraged to further freeze Sihanouk—the only non-Communist leader within GRUNK with enough stature to challenge the power of the KC in a post-settlement government—out of a position of real influence in the insurgency.
  - A genuine compromise settlement would be placed even further out of reach than it is now.

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